



Mouse House

# Together Time

## Tabletop Town

Cut out rectangles, squares, circles, half-circles, and triangles in different sizes from scraps of felt or other fabric. (Alternatively, use paper..) Sit with your child at the table, and construct buildings, trees, houses, roads, etc., together. Use the entire table. Then have dinner on the town!

## Geometric Pretzels

If you and your child enjoy cooking together, you can make geometric pretzels. Mix together 1 package of dry yeast, 1 tablespoon of sugar, 1-1/2 cups of water, 1 teaspoon of salt, and 4-1/2 cups of flour. Knead the dough for 5 minutes, adding a little flour if necessary. Pinch off chunks of dough and roll them into "ropes" of different lengths. Shape these ropes into rectangles, squares, circles, and triangles of different sizes, and place them on a lightly greased cookie sheet. If you wish, you can brush them with a little water and sprinkle them with coarse salt. Bake for 9 minutes at 475 degrees Fahrenheit.

## City Stamps

Do you have old, flat sponges available? These can easily be cut into geometric shapes. Then, with two or three pie tins of colorful tempera paint, your child can stamp a city onto shelf paper. The completed city can be hung as a mural in a play area or child's bedroom.

